

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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13 (currently amended). Method of detecting a welding process voltage ~~detected (27)~~, wherein the welding process voltage (27) between a welding torch (10) and a workpiece (16) is detected, characterised in that comprising the step of performing a calculation of the welding process voltage (27) is performed in real time, taking account of the interference variables, in particular an inductance (28) and a resistance (29) of a welding system, the calculation for determining inductance being performed at specific time intervals during a welding process without the welding process being affected. in accordance with the formula

$$\underline{U_{proc}(t) = U_m(t) - (dI(t) * L) - (I(t) * R)}$$

the definition of the formula being as follows.

$U_m(t)$ — the instantaneous voltage measured at the welding jacks, in particular at the output terminals 31, 32, by a measuring device 28 via measuring lines 29, 30;
 $dI(t)$ — the instantaneous change in current;

I(t) — the current measured instantaneously at the welding jacks;

R — the resistance 29 determined by a static measuring process or preset to a known variable;

b — the inductance 28 determined by a static measuring process or calculated during the welding process.

14 (currently amended). Method as claimed in claim 13, characterised in that wherein the calculated welding process voltage {27} is applied by ~~the~~ a control unit {4} to the welding process control.

Claim 15 (canceled).

16 (currently amended). Method as claimed in claim 13 14, characterised in that wherein the interference variables, in particular the resistance (29) and/or the inductance (28) of the welding circuit are detected and/or calculated by the control unit {4} before the start of the actual welding process.

17 (currently amended). Method as claimed in claim 13, characterised in that wherein a voltage and a current at the outputs of the current source {2}, in particular at the output

terminals (33, 34) of the current source (2), are measured by a measuring device (30).

18 (currently amended). Method as claimed in claim 13,
B6 characterised in that wherein, in order to provide a static calculation of the interference variable of the resistance (29) and the inductance (28) of the hose pack (23) and optionally other ohmic interference variables during a secondary short-circuit prior to the start of the welding process, a current change is imposed on a current curve and the measured voltage is evaluated.

19 (currently amended). Method as claimed in claim 18 14, characterised in that wherein, at a predetermined point in time of the current curve, a measurement is taken (4) or the values of the voltage and current detected at the output terminals (33, 34) of the current source (2) by the control unit are used to calculate the resistance (29).

20. Method as claimed in claim 18, characterised in that in order to provide a static calculation of the interference variables, in particular the resistance (29) and the inductance (28) of the hose pack (23), wherein the lines of the hose pack (23) are short-circuited or a short-circuit is produced between

the electrode of the welding torch ~~(10)~~ and the workpiece ~~(16)~~ with the supply lines ~~(7)~~ of the hose pack ~~(23)~~ connected thereto, taking account of other interference variables, in particular of the welding torch ~~(10)~~.

Claim 21 (canceled).

Claim 22 (canceled).

β) 23 (currently amended). Method as claimed in claim 13, characterised in that wherein a process control or a welding process control is performed during the entire pulse duration.

24. Method as claimed in claim ~~23~~ 14, characterised in that wherein the interference variables are calculated by the control unit ~~(2)~~ by means of software using the detected values and a predetermined calculation program.